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Table 1 of this report presents comparative general statistics for all Oil and Gas Extraction Industries combined for the census years 1860 to 1963. The first well was drilled

for oil in the United States in 1859. Table 2A presents general statistics by 3-digit industry groups for the United States and for geographic divisions and State S. Table 2B presents some cost, capital and product details for the Oil and Gas Extraction Industries for selected geographic divisions.

ons and States. In table 3, detailed statistics are shown for the United States by 4-digit industry, including figures for the number, footage, and cost of drilling and equipping wells drilled in the United States. Table 4 shows selected statistics for establishments classified by employment size for all Oil and Gas Extraction Industries and 3-digit industry groups and includes the number of oil and gas extraction establishments by employment size and State.

## COVERAGE

An establishment operating oil or gas field properties, for census purposes, is defined as all oil and gas field activities of an operating company in an entire State. Separate reports were required for each State in which a company operated oil or gas field properties except for Louisiana, Texas, and New Mexico, where separate reports were required by district. (Separate subindustry statistics were tabulated for establishments primarily engaged in producing crude petroleum and natural gas, respectively.) These subindustry statistics are shown in table 3 and in the report, Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas. Separate reports were required for each natural gas liquids plant.

Companies engaged in oil and gas field services, in general, were permitted to file one report for all oil and gas field services performed in the United States, a service establishment representing the activities covered in such a report. Service establishments were classified in the separate service industries and subindustries on the basis of the principal kind of work performed as measured by receipts for such services. (The report, Oil and Gas Field Services, contains separate subindustry statistics for establishments primarily engaged in performing 16 different types of work.)

Companies primarily performing oil and gas field services but also operating oil and gas properties were required to file separate reports for each State in which oil and gas properties were operated and for each district in Louisiana, Texas, and New Mexico. Such reports were classified on the basis of whether receipts from production or service activities in the State were greater and, for companies primarily engaged in performing services, by principal type of service performed.